

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3555

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OIL EXTRACTION

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is plenty of oil trapped in shale of coal in Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to extract shale oil from these places; and
- (d) if so, the details of Government policy and the strategy in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS(SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

- (a) The question presumably relates to Oil Shale. There is no report of Oil Shale deposit in the state of Karnataka.
- (b) to (c) In view of the above, question does not arise.
- (d) There are reported occurrences of Oil Shale associated with coal in Assam. No assessment has been made about oil reserves in Shale/Coal. Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH) has initiated action to take up studies on resource estimated of Oil Shale deposits and Syncrude potential in north eastern part of India